

Amendments to the Claims

1–3. (Cancelled)

4. (New) A glass block window system comprising a plurality of columns of glass blocks, a support structure to hold the respective columns in a window opening, a number of the columns of glass blocks being rotatable and being movable while being held by the support structure to open and to close the window opening.

5. (New) The system of claim 4, the support structure comprising a telescoping support arm and a rotatable support.

6. (New) The system of claim 4, wherein the columns of glass blocks are generally in vertical orientation.

7. (New) The system of claim 4, wherein the columns of glass blocks are generally in horizontal orientation.

8. (New) The system of claim 4, further comprising a pocket area for storing at least part of a column of glass blocks out of view in the window opening.

9. (New) The system of claim 8, further comprising a screen in an open area of the window opening when at least part of the window opening is open.

10. (New) The system of claim 8, further comprising a grating in an open area of the window opening when at least part of the window opening is open.

11. (New) A method of opening a glass block window having a number of columns of glass blocks in opening, comprising rotating at least one column of glass blocks to open space in the window opening.

12. (New) The method of claim 11, further comprising moving a column of glass blocks out of the window opening to provide space for rotating a column of glass blocks, and rotating such column of glass blocks.

13. (New) The method of claim 11, further comprising storing at least part of a column of glass blocks out of view of the window opening.

14. (New) The method of claim 11, further comprising placing a screen in an open area of the window opening where at least one column of glass blocks had been removed to open the window opening.

15. (New) The method of claim 11, further comprising placing a grating in an open area of the window opening where at least one column of glass blocks had been removed to open the window opening.